FIFTH GRADE Suggested Reading List

*First in a series



Juv Graphic Novel ALL'S ALL'S FAIRE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Homeschooled by Renaissance Fair enthusiasts, eleven-year-old Imogene has a hard time fitting in when her wish to enroll in public school is granted.



Juv Paperback AVI CRISPIN: THE CROSS OF LEAD*

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler.



Juv Fiction BURT J GREETINGS FROM WITNESS PROTECTION!

Nicki is an orphan and a kleptomaniac, making her the perfect girl to portray a family's daughter in witness protection.



Juv Fiction CARTAYA P THE EPIC FAIL OF ARTURO ZAMORA

When his family's restaurant and Cuban American neighborhood in Miami are threatened by a greedy land developer, thirteen-year-old Arturo fights back.



Juv Fiction CLARK Z THE ADVENTURERS GUILD

Conscripted into the dangerous Adventurers Guild, best friends Zed and Brock must defend what is left of humanity against terrible monsters.



Juv Fiction DICAMILLO K RAYMIE NIGHTINGALE

Hoping to convince her father to come home by winning a local pageant, Raymie practices twirling a baton as she is drawn into unlikely friendships.



Juv Fiction FRY J THE JUPITER PIRATES: HUNT FOR THE HYDRA*

Three siblings from a family of space privateers become embroiled in a solar system-wide conspiracy.



Juv Paperback GEORGE J JULIE OF THE WOLVES*

While running away from an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Inuk girl befriends a wolf pack on the North Slope of Alaska.



Juv Paperback GIBBS S SPY SCHOOL*

Ben Ripley leaves his public middle school to attend the CIA's secretive Espionage Academy, which everyone is told is an elite science school.



Juv Paperback GIDWITZ A A TALE DARK AND GRIMM*

Hansel and Gretel walk out of their own story and into eight more tales, encountering witches, kindly strangers, and other fairy tale folk.



Juv Fiction GLASER K THE VANDERBEEKERS OF 141ST STREET

The Vanderbeeker children decide to change their reclusive landlord's mind about making them move out.



Juv Paperback HIASSEN C HOOT

Roy, new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.



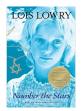
Juv Fiction KHAN H AMINA'S VOICE

A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's culture while blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community.



Juv Paperback KORMAN G MASTERMINDS*

A group of kids discovers they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest criminal masterminds in history as part of a sociological experiment.



Juv Paperback LOWRY L NUMBER THE STARS

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.



Juv Paperback MASS W EVERY SOUL A STAR

Ally, Bree, and Jack meet at the one place the Great Eclipse can be seen in totality, each carrying the burden of different personal problems.



Juv Fiction MELOY C THE WHIZ MOB AND THE GRENADINE KID

After observing a skilled pickpocket in a busy square, Charlie agrees to protect the thief if he teaches Charlie his tricks.



Juv Paperback MORRISON M GROUNDED: THE ADVENTURES OF RAPUNZEL*

Rapunzel believes she is the luckiest person in Tyme, but soon learns the unpleasant truth about her tower.



Juv Graphic Novel NEWSPRINTS NEWSPRINTS

Blue is an orphan who disguises herself as a newsboy. When she meets Crow, a boy who also has a secret, together they seek the freedom to be their true selves.



Juv Fiction PATTERSON J MIDDLE SCHOOL, THE WORST YEARS OF MY LIFE*

Middle schooler Rafe teams up with his best friend to try to break every rule in the school's code of conduct.



Juv Fiction PECK R THE BEST MAN

Archer has four important grown-up role models in his life. When two of them get married, Archer's sixth-grade year becomes one he'll never forget.



Juv Paperback RASKIN E THE WESTING GAME

Sixteen people invited to the reading of Mr. Westing's will could become millionaires, depending on how they play the tricky and dangerous Westing game.



Juv Paperback RAWLS W WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS

A boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.



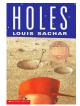
Juv Fiction REYNOLDS J GHOST*

Ghost wants to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle school track team, but his past is slowing him down.



Juv Fiction RIORDAN R THE LIGHTNING THIEF*

After learning that he is the son of Poseidon, Percy is sent to a camp for demigods and joins his new friends on a quest to stop a war between gods.



Juv Paperback SACHAR L HOLES

Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.



Juv Fiction SANDS K THE BLACKTHORN KEY*

In 1665 London, fourteen-year-old Christopher Rowe, apprentice to an apothecary, and his best friend, Tom, try to uncover the truth behind a mysterious cult.



Juv Paperback STEAD R WHEN YOU REACH ME

Sixth-grader Miranda tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes that seem to defy the laws of time and space in 1970s New York.



Juv Fiction STEVENS R MURDER IS BAD MANNERS*

At an English boarding school in the 1930s, crime-solving friends Hazel Wong and Daisy Wells discover the dead body of Miss Bell, the science teacher.



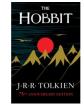
Juv Paperback STEWART T THE MYSTERIOUS BENEDICT SOCIETY*

After passing a series of mind-bending tests and riddles, four exceptional children are selected for a secret mission.



Juv Paperback STROUD J THE SCREAMING STAIRCASE*

Three young operatives of a Psychic Detection Agency, led by the fearless but mysterious Anthony Lockwood, battle an epidemic of ghosts in London.



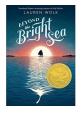
Juv Fiction TOLKIEN J THE HOBBIT

Bilbo Baggins lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until a wandering wizard chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.



Juv Fiction WILLIAMS-GARCIA R ONE CRAZY SUMMER

In the summer of 1968, three sisters visit their mother in California. Instead of taking them to Disneyland, Mom sends them to a camp run by the Black Panthers.



Juv Fiction WOLK L BEYOND THE BRIGHT SEA

In the 1920s, twelve-year-old orphan Crow embarks on a journey to discover who her parents were and why they abandoned her as an infant.



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